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## NEWS RELEASE

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*\*Note to the media: Molly Sander, Immunization Program manager, and Kirby Kruger, state epidemiologist, will be available to answer questions at 1:30 p.m. CST today (Oct. 16, 2009) via conference call. Media can participate in the conference call by dialing 866.637.9769.*

*Members of the media who wish to attend in person can meet at the Laboratory Building at 2635 East Main Avenue in Bismarck. (The Laboratory Building is on the west side of the driveway.)*

**Department of Health Announces Number of H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Doses  
Expected To Arrive Next Week**  
*Limited Supply of Vaccine Will Continue To Be Available for Pregnant Women and Children,  
As Well As Health-Care Workers*

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has received information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that approximately 12,300 doses of H1N1 influenza vaccine will be arriving in the state late next week. This allocation will consist of both the nasal spray FluMist and the injectable flu shot.

The H1N1 influenza vaccine will continue to be prioritized for pregnant women, children ages 6 months through 18 years, and health-care workers. Clinics may need to prioritize among the target groups depending upon supply of vaccine in the area.

The CDC has informed states that the allocations of H1N1 vaccine will be less than anticipated over the next few months because of lower yields from one manufacturer.

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“We expect to receive shipments each week for the next several weeks,” said Molly Sander, Immunization Program manager. “Next week we should have a better idea about the amount of H1N1 influenza vaccine allocated for North Dakota and the schedule for receiving the vaccine. We encourage people to keep informed through the media or [www.ndflu.com](http://www.ndflu.com) for updated information.”

The number of cases of influenza reported to the North Dakota Department of Health increased substantially this week. As of Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, a total of 563 cases of influenza had been reported. It is estimated that about 92 percent of the influenza circulating in North Dakota is H1N1.

The North Dakota Department of Health has activated a toll-free public health hotline for people to call if they have questions about influenza. The number to call is 866.207.2880. The hotline is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Standard Time.

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